

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Natural Gas – Constitution of Single Window Clearance Committees at District and State Level and Nodal Agency for Natural Gas Distribution Network – Orders – Issued

INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT(IID-2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 6.

Dated: 16-02-2009.
Read

1. From the Chairperson, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt.of India, New Delhi., D.O.Ref.No.PNGRB/CH/08, dt.13.8.2008 & 03-09-2008.

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ORDER:

Government have enacted A.P. Industrial Single Window Clearance Act, 2002 (Act No.17 of 2002) to provide for speedy processing to issue various licenses, clearances and certificates required for setting up of industrial undertakings for the promotion of industrial development and also to provide for an investor friendly environment in the State of Andhra Pradesh and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. Under section 5(1) of the said Act, it is provided that the Government may, by notification, constitute Special Single Window Clearance Committees for any specified purpose, specified area or specified sector and delegate to them such powers and functions as the Government may deem fit.

2. In the reference read above, the Chairperson, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, New Delhi has requested the State Government that a Single Window Clearance System for (a) acquiring Right of Use; (b) obtaining Environmental clearance; (c) permission for Road, Canal, River crossing; (d) permission by local bodies to dig & lay City Gas Distribution network; and (e) to acquire land for permanent installation such as City Gas Station (CGS) and District Regulatory Station (DRS), etc., shall be set up in the State to ensure grant of expeditious clearance under the relevant Acts by the concerned authorities.

3. The Government have examined the issue and after careful consideration, decided to constitute District Level and State Level Committees and also Nodal Agency, under the provisions of sub section(1) of Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Single

Window Clearance Act, 2002, for speedy processing of applications received from the entities to issue various approvals, licenses, etc., at District and State levels, as the case may be, that are required for laying, building, operating or expanding a common carrier or contract carrier or for laying, building, operating or expanding a city or local natural gas distribution network in the State.

4. Accordingly, the following notification shall be published in the Extraordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazettee, dated 17-02-2009.

Notification

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub section (1) of section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Single Window Clearances Act, 2002 (Act No.17 of 2002), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby constitute the following Committees and the Nodal Agency for implementation of the Single Window Clearance for speedy processing of the applications received from the entities for laying, building, operating or expanding a common carrier or contract carrier or for laying, building, operating or expanding a city or local natural gas distribution network in the State.

(1) District Level Single Window Clearance Committee:

The District Level Committee for each District shall consist of the following Members:-

(1) District Collector/Jt.Collector	... Chairman
(2) Jt.Director, Municipal Administration	... Member
(3) District Panchayat Officer	... Member
(4) Dy.Chief Inspector of Factories	... Member
(5) Regional Dy.Director, Town& Country Planning	... Member
(6) Supdt.Engineer, R&B (Roads)	... Member
(7) S.E., Irrigation	... Member
(8) S.E. in charge of the District Power Distribution Comapany	... Member
(9) Municipal Commissioner concerned	... Member
(10) Gen.Manager, Dist.Industries Centre	... Member
	Convenor

It shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, namely:-

- (i) to meet at such times and places as the Chairman of the Committee may decide and shall transact business as given below.

- (ii) to receive applications from the entities authorized by the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board for all clearances for laying natural gas transmission and city gas distribution pipeline network;
- (iii) to review and monitor the processing of applications by the competent authorities and to forward the orders of the competent authorities to the applicant;
- (iv) to inform the applicant of the date on which the application was received by the competent authority and the date on which such application may be deemed to have been approved in the case of deemed approval. The applicant may proceed to execute the work or take other action following the deemed approval, but not so as to contravene any of the provisions of the Acts or rules or bye-laws applicable to such clearances.
- (v) To forward such cases with remarks and relevant documents to the State Committee for decision;
- (vi) The District Committee may, either suo motu or on an application, examine any order passed by any competent authority, rejecting any clearance or approving it with modification, and if the District Committee orders that there are any valid grounds for a change in such decision, it shall forward such case to the State Committee with remarks and relevant documents for a decision. The decision taken by the State Committee shall be binding on the District Committee and the competent authorities.
- (vii) To invite competent authorities or experts, who are not members of the Committee, as special invitees for any meeting of the District Committee as desired by the Chairman of the Committee;
- (viii) The Member of the District Committee shall attend the meeting convened personally and in case he is unable to attend the meeting, he may depute a senior level officer with a written authorization to take appropriate decision in the meeting;
- (ix) Such other powers and functions as may be prescribed by the Government.

(2) State Level Single Window Clearance Committee:

The State Committee shall consist of the following:-

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| (1) Secretary to Government, | | |
| Infrastructure & Investment Dept. | ... | Chairman |
| (2) Spl.C.S., Energy Dept./Representative | ... | Member |
| (3) Prl.Secretary to Govt., Ind & Com.Dept. | ... | Member |
| (4) Prl.Secretary to Govt., Revenue Dept. | | Member |
| (5) Prl.Secretary to Govt., MA&UD Dept. | ... | Member |
| (6) Prl.Secretary to Govt., EFS&T Dept. | | Member |
| (7) Secretary to Govt., (PR), | | |
| PR&RD Dept. | | Member |
| (9) VC&MD, InCAP | | Member-
Convenor |

It shall exercise the following powers and functions, namely:-

- (i)** to meet at such times and places as the Chairman of the Committee may decide and shall transact business as given below.
- (ii)** to receive all applications for clearances at State Level;
- (iii)** to review and monitor the processing of applications by the Competent authorities and the District Committees and to forward the orders of competent authority to the applicant(s);
- (iv)** to inform the applicant of the date on which the application was received by the competent authority and the date on which such application may be deemed to have been approved in the case of deemed approval; the applicant(s) may proceed to execute the work or take other action following the deemed approval, but not so as to contravene any of the provisions of the Acts or rules or bye-laws applicable to such clearances.
- (v)** The State Committee may, either suo motu or on an application, examine any order passed by any competent authority, rejecting any clearance or approving it with modification. The decision taken by the State Committee

shall be binding on the District Committee and the competent authorities.

- (vi) To invite competent authorities or experts, who are not members of the Committee, as special invitees for any meeting of the State Committee as desired by the Chairman of the Committee;
- (vii) The Members of the State Committee shall attend the meeting convened under clause (i) personally and in case he is unable to attend the meeting, he may depute a senior level officer with a written authorization to take appropriate decision in the meeting;
- (viii) Such other powers and functions as may be prescribed by the Government.

(3) Nodal Agency:

The District Industries Centre shall be the Nodal Agency at the district Level and the Infrastructure Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (InCAP) shall be the Nodal Agency at State Level.

Under the superintendence, direction and control of the respective committees, the nodal agency shall acknowledge all applications filed before the Committee and shall forward the applications to the concerned competent authority within three working days. The Nodal Agency shall pursue the clearance of the applications with the competent authorities.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Manmohan Singh
Secretary to Government.

To

All Secretaries/ Prl.Secretaries/Spl.Chief Secretaries to Govt.
The Commissioner of Industries, Chirag Ali Lane, Abids, Hyderabad.
All Heads of Department.
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase
(Ptg.Wing), Hyderabad with a request to public this Notification in the Extraordinary A.P.Gazette.
The Director of Translation, Hyderabad (with a request to furnish the Telugu version of the Notification directly to the Commissioner of Printing, Hyderabad.

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Infrastructure Corporation
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The Chairman & Managing Director, APTRANSCO, Khairtabad, Hyd

The Member Secretary, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Hyd

All District Collectors.

The Director of Town and Country Planning, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of Factories, Hyderabad.

The Law(B) Department, A.P .secretariat, Hyderabad

P.S to Spl. Secretary to Chief Minister.

P.S to Minister(Major Industries)

P.S to Minister for Infrastructure & Investment, Ports, Airports &
Natural Gas.

P.S to Chief Secretary to Government.

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Infrastructure & Investment Dept.

Sub: Natural Gas – Single Window Clearance for speedy processing of applications for issue of various clearances required for laying natural gas transmission and city gas distribution pipeline network in the State – Formulation of draft rules and common application forms – Reg.

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It is submitted that action is being taken in a separate file to put up draft G.O., constituting Single Window Clearance Committees for NG pipeline network.

In the meantime, it is for consideration and orders whether the VC&MD, InCAP may be requested to prepare draft Rules & Common Application Forms on the lines of the Industries Dept., (copy placed below for perusal) for approval of Govt.

In pursuance of the orders in circulation to CM on page-109 nf, a draft G.O., notifying the constitution of Single Window Clearance Committees at District and State Levels and Nodal Agency for Natural Gas Distribution Network is put up below.

The file may be sent to Law Dept., for scrutiny of the draft Notification and to confirm whether the proposed notification of the said Committees is in conformity with the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Single Window Clearance Act, 2002 (Act No.17 of

2002), before orders in circulation to M (I&I), through Prl.Secretary, Industries & C.S., are obtained for approval of the draft notification.

